TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 778 – SB 754

April 1, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes no more than two non-resident property owners which own property in an annexation zone to vote in an annexation election. Authorizes annexation through a town hall meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$5,000/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005352, 005481, 005482): Amendment 005352 removes section of the bill which authorizes annexation through a town hall meeting.

Amendment 005481 redefines "nonresident property owner" to mean a qualified voter in the state, rather than a qualified voter in the county where the proposed annexation is to occur.

Amendment 005482 authorizes a resident and a qualified voter in the state, rather than a resident and qualified voter in the county, with an ownership interest in the annexation zone to vote in an annexation referendum.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This amended bill is not relevant to state government operations; any impact to local government will be permissive.
- The permissive increase in local expenditures estimated for the original bill were costs related to annexation through a town hall meeting, including requirements for mailing of notices by certified mail and public notice requirements through newspapers of general circulation. The amended bill removes this section.
- The fiscal impact of the amended bill on local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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